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SUBJECT: RUBBER -- CALL AT EMBASSY BY U.K. RUBBER
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1. ROBIN HOPE AND ROBIN CLARKE OF U.K. DEPARTMENT OF
INDUSTRY CALLED AT EMBASSY AUGUST 23 TO DISCUSS FORTH-
COMING MEETING OF UNCTAD TASK FORCE ON NATURAL RUBBER IN
OCTOBER. THEY WERE BRIEFED ON PROGRESS WITH U.S. RUBBER
MODEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH ZINOMAN/THIGPEN TELCON. THEY
ARE MUCH INTERESTED IN SEEING RESULTS OF U.S. SIMULA-
TIONS WHEN AVAILABLE. THEY WOULD ALSO WELCOME A LOOK
AT THE RUBBER STUDY DONE FOR US BY THE ECONOMIST
INTELLIGENCE UNIT IF WE CAN MAKE THIS AVAILABLE. CON-
CERNING THEIR OWN STUDIES, THEY SAID THEIR WORK HAD BEEN
LIMITED AND RELATIVELY UNSOPHISTICATED. EMBOFF GOT
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IMPRESSION THAT BASICALLY THEY ARE LOOKING AT "WORST
CASE" SITUATION FOR EARLY 1980'S ON ASSUMPTION OF NO
STABILIZATION AGREEMENT AND CUT-BACKS OF MARGINAL PRO-
DUCERS IN INTERIM.

2. REGARDING POLICY, HOPE NOTED AN INCREASING INTEREST
IN UK AT HIGHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT IN A POSSIBLE

STABILIZATION AGREEMENT. HE EMPHASIZED U.K. NOT, REPEAT NOT, LIKELY TO GIVE ANY INDICATION OF WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE AT THE OCTOBER TASK FORCE MEETING HOWEVER.

3. CONCERNING THE POSITION OF THE EEC, HOPE NOTED TENDENCY OF FOOT-DRAGGING ON THE PART OF FRG BUT DID NOT ASSIGN TOO MUCH IMPORTANCE TO THIS IN LONG RUN. HOPE WAS MORE CONCERNED ABOUT SITUATION IN THE EEC COMMISSION SINCE THE TRANSFER OF TRAN VAN THIN TO TEXTILES. HOPE NOTED LATTER HAD TAKEN AN ACTIVIST POSITION AND HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY EFFECTIVE IN CONVINCING PRODUCERS THAT A MORE MODERATE LINE ON THEIR PART WAS IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL. CLARKE NOTED THERE WAS SOME POSSIBILITY THAT TRAM WOULD CONTINUE WITH RUBBER AS WELL AS HIS NEW RESPONSIBILITY FOR TEXTILES.

4. HOPE MOST ANXIOUS TO RECEIVE RESULTS OF OUR ECONOMETRIC STUDIES AS WELL AS OUR SUGGESTIONS FOR AGENDA TOPICS FOR THE OCTOBER MEETING. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT TRANSMIT SUMMARIES OF RESULTS OF SIMULATIONS AS WELL AS AGENDA TOPICS SOONEST FOR SHARING WITH HOPE.

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